Dibrugarh Telex Exchange

1716. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total installed and maximum working capacity of Dibrugarh Telex Exchange at present;

(b) what is the actual number of working connections and the number of persons on the waiting list at present and by when the current waiting lists likely to be cleared;

(c) whether Government have any prospective plans to convert it into an electronic one and expand its capacity in the near future; if so, what are the details in this regard;

(d) whether its subscribers have access to international dialling facility; if so, the names of the countries assessible and their respective access codes; and

(e) if the answer to part (d) above be in the negative, whether Government propose to extend this facility to Dibrugarh Telex Exchange?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA):(a) The total installed capacity of Telex at Dibrugarh is 50 lines and the maximum connectable capacity is 47 lines.

(b) There are 27 working connections and three applicants are on the waiting list. One connection will be provided shortly and the other two are long distance connections. These are likely to be provided by Decembers 1986.

(c) At present there is no plan to convert this exchange into an electronic one and to expand it's capacity.

(d) Yes, Sir. its subscribers have access to international telex dialling facility. The names of countries accessible with their access codes are given in the Annexure. [*See* appendix (XXXIX *Annexure No. 112.*]

(e) Question does not arise in view of (d) above.

Bench of Guwahati High Court at Dibrugarh

1717. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Bench of Guwahati High Court at Dibrugarh for the benefits of litigants of upper Assam and Arunachal Pradesh; and

(b) if so, by when, and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Action in the matter of establishment of Benches of High Courts is taken by the Government of India only receipt of proposals from the State Governments. No proposal in this regard has been received from the Government of Assam.

Industrial Estate at Dibrugarh

1718. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Industrial Estate was opened at Dibrugarh recenly; if so, what are the details therof;

(b) what are the details of the progress made so far by this Estate since its inception;

(c) what are the plans of Central Government to develop this Industrial Estate in the near future; and

(d) whether Government propose to set up any industries in public sector and/or joint sector in Dibrugarh In-

dustrial Estate; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Mehrauli Postal Service

1719. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the deteriorating postal services in the Mehrauli Post Office under the New Delhi South-West Division due to excessive pressure and if so, what remedial steps Government propose to take in this regard;

(b) whether Government propose to open a branch post office with delivery facility in Vasant Kunj, a DDA colony; if so, by when and if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government acquired big plot near Mehrauli Bus Terminus for construction of Mehrauli Post Office Building sometime in 1984 but so far no construction has been started; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in the affirmative whether Government propose to construct the said Post Office Buiding on priority basis so as to improve its functioning and also to provide better amenities to the departmental staff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) No, Sir. Mehrauli Post Office is functioning properly with adequate staff to cope with the work load of the office.

(b) No, Sir. The mails for Vasant Kunj, DDA Colony area are being delivered through Mehrauli Post Office. At present, there is no justification for opening a delivery post office there.

(c) and (d) A plot measuring 941.24 square metres was taken possession from Delhi Development Authority near Mehrauli Bus Terminus in July, 1986. A building for the Post Office is proposed to be constructed on this plot on priority basis.

Telephone connections in Delhi

1720. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the General Manager of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam has recently stated that 35,000 new telephone connections would be provided in Delhi during 1986; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the Telephone exchanges from which these lines would be given and whether it would defreeze the position in respect of exchanges which have been frozen; if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The approximate number of telephone connections expected to be given during 1986-87 is given below exchange wise and correspondingly the position will ease in the respective areas of these exchanges:

Exchange	Telephone Connections
Jor Bagh	2,000
Idgah	2,000
Delhi Gate	1,500
Hauz Khas	4,000
Laxmi Nagar	1,300
Tis Hazari	5,000
Shakti Nagar	1,200
Okhla	2,500
Nehru Place	5,000
Rajouri Garden	8,000
Karol Bagh	1,500
Other exchanges	1,000
	35000